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SUBJECT: TRIAL OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTIVISTS

REF: SEOUL 6377

1. IN SEPTEMBER 20 DISCUSSION, REV KIM KWAN-SUK, GENERAL SECRETARY, KOREA NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES TOLD EMBOFFICERS THAT REV PAK KYUNG-KYU AND ASSOCIATES MAY BE PAROLED FOLLOWING SENTENCING SCHEDULED SEPTEMBER 25.

2. REF KIM SAID THAT HE HAS BEEN TOLD THAT SENTENCE WILL BE THREE YEARS BUT THAT DEFENDENTS WILL THEN BE RELEASED ON PAROLE. HE STATED THAT HE RECEIVED THIS INFORMATION INDIRECTLY FROM ROKG SOURCE SUBSEQUENT TO A CONFERENCE WITH ROK CIA OFFICIALS. KIM SAID HE HAD BEEN ASKED BY ROK CIA FOR COUNCIL'S POSITION ON TRIAL. HE REPLIED THAT A CONVICTION FOR DISTRIBUTING LEAFLETS WAS WITHIN THE AUTHORITY OF THE GOVERNMENT, BUT THAT THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY WOULD NOT ACCEPT A CONVICTION FOR PLOTTING AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.

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3. COMMENT: MEETING WITH EMBOFFS WAS AT KIM'S
REQUEST. KIM APPEARED REASONABLY CONFIDENT
OF TRIAL OUTCOME AS DESCRIBED ABOVE. HOWEVER
HE REMAINED CONCERNED ABOUT GENERAL COURSE OF
CHURCH RELATIONS WITH GOVERNMENT.
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